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Granadinas  
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**Central America**

Belize  
Costa Rica  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
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**Europe**

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**North America**

Canada  
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Bolivia  
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**South America (South)**

Argentina  
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December 4, 1985

Mr. William Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency C.I.A.  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Casey

At the conclusion of the Third Inter American Congress of Municipalities held in the City of Miami from October 2nd thru the 5th and organized by the Inter American Center for Municipal Cooperation (CENICOM), we wish to address this letter to you in order to ratify our objectives of working towards the strengthening of the Municipalities of America through such a cooperation that will allow them to accomplish, adequately, their obligations to the communities they represent and, at the same time, to kindly request your support.

Considering that your Organization could encourage the efforts for such an important guidance, we are taking the liberty to request from you all information available on programs and/or grants that your Organization can offer, such as applicants, guidelines models of proposals etc., in order to apply for it.

We will greatly appreciate your assistance at this respect by sending these forms, at your earliest convenience, to the following address:

**CENICOM**  
904 SW 23 Avenue  
Miami, Fla. 33135

Looking for your utmost consideration to this request, we remain

Sincerely,

Demetrio Pérez, Jr.  
President

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ANNUAL INTERAMERICAN CONVENTION OF MUNICIPALITIES, INC.  
14 N.E. 1st Avenue, Suite 1403, Miami, Florida 33132

### III INTERAMERICAN CONGRESS OF MUNICIPALITIES

#### FINAL RESOLUTION

The delegates representing municipalities throughout more than 20 Latin American nations, meeting in the city of Miami October 2 to 5, 1985 to participate in the III Interamerican Congress of Municipalities,

#### RESOLVE:

FIRST: To keep one minute of silence in the face of the tragedy afflicting the Mexican people as a consequence of the recent earthquakes, as well as for the loss of life in Central American conflicts and for the victims of terrorism of all kinds.

SECOND: To urge all the peoples and governments of Latin America to help alleviate the serious crisis affecting the Mexican people, reiterating our solidarity with the delegates from Mexico who are attending this Congress.

THIRD: To manifest our identification with the 23 mayors of the Republic of El Salvador that have been kidnapped during the past few months, and to demand that they be returned to their respective families and activities, and to condemn the assassination of seven Peruvian mayors that have fallen victim to international terrorism.

FOURTH: To send a similar message to the president of the Republic of El Salvador, the Honorable José Napoleón Duarte, who was unable to attend this congress because of the kidnapping of his daughter and her companion.

FIFTH: To affirm the need for the debtor countries of Latin America and representatives of international banks and industrial nations to find a common ground and jointly attempt to find an acceptable solution to the serious problem represented for both by a foreign debt that exceeds \$350 billion, and that, recognizing the principle that obligations should be met, the need to facilitate the meeting of such obligations be found, without the imposition of unjust sacrifices by the population of the affected countries or a slow down in their economic growth.

SIXTH: To make an appeal before international financial institutions to prioritize the granting of resources needed to modernize the municipalities, in order to offer better services to their communities.

SEVENTH: To promote a more efficient and active form of cooperation between the municipal governments and representatives of the private sector, to guarantee a faster rate of economic growth

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and to facilitate political stability in the community.

EIGHTH: To express support for the efforts of those who have undertaken the task of democratizing the selection and composition of political structures in the municipalities, through free elections.

NINTH: To reiterate our offer to cooperate with and support the preparations for the celebration of the quinentennial anniversary of the discovery of America, an event that led to the union of European and Indoamerican peoples, and to let it be known that we look favorably upon the possibility of Miami's being selected as a site for the celebrations that have been proposed to commemorate such a significant event in the history of humanity.

TENTH: To give recognition to the municipalities of Miami, Dade County and Miami Beach, for their sponsorship of this event and for the help they have provided.

ELEVENTH: To applaud the presence in the Congress of a group of foreign journalists who can attest to the magnitude of the event, and to thank all local, national and international media that have reported on this Congress.

TWELFTH: To recognize the vital role played by the rural areas of the municipalities, as they supply the basic products of the municipal economy, and to urge everyone concerned to give wider recognition to their true function, and to provide them with equal attention as is received by the urban areas.

THIRTEENTH: To request from the President of the United States to increase technical cooperation programs and the granting of scholarships, to strenghten and preserve democracy and freedom in America, allowing our local officials to study and improve their professionalism so that they will be equipped with the proper means to carry on with their tasks in a climate of freedom and democracy.

FOURTEENTH: To announce the combining of efforts among those institutions that are dedicated to strenghtening and developing local governments in America, such as CENICOM, OICI, IULA and others, through the planning, coordination and execution of joint actions on behalf of the municipalities.

We ask for God's help in carrying out these resolutions and in reaching with renewed enthusiasm those goals that we have defined as an organization and a congress.

Given in Miami, on the fifth of October, nineteen eighty-five.

To organize the meetings of the Inter-American Municipalities, the Board of Directors is advised by the Committee of the Convention, formed by six (6) members representing each of the geographic regions, headed by a Coordinator, who directs the work during these annual meetings.

**The following are functions of the Technical Committees:**

**Commercial Relations.**

Everything concerning to the public and private sectors performing a commercial activity related, whatever its location, to the municipal way of life in the countries of America, with a particular emphasis in programs or efforts, unilateral or collective of the Governments of America to support the development of a region or of a certain country.

**Commercial Displays (Trade Show).**

To promote fairs and trade shows destined to put the Municipalities of America in contact with Corporations of the American Continent and with others from other Continents.

**Seminaries and Technical Meetings.**

To organize seminaries, work shops and technical reunions with the purpose of training municipal officers of America in the most advanced techniques in handling the public services to be fulfilled by the mayoral corporations.

**Information Exchange.**

To compile and process all the technical information and procedures used by the most advanced Municipalities in the adequate handling of the services to be performed.

**Membership.**

All Municipalities of America that express in writing their desire to belong to CENICOM, will be considered members, if accepted by the Board of Directors.

**Meetings.**

The meetings of the Inter-American Conventions of Municipalities, promoted and organized by CENICOM, will be held every year, sometime between the months of January and April. Those Municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants may be represented at the meetings by a delegate if he is provided with the corresponding credentials.

**Library.**

CENICOM will proceed to organize a library with all kind of reference material and books to serve the delegations participating in the Inter-American Conventions of Municipalities, as well as those requesting any information. This library will be organized with the cooperation of the Member Municipalities and international and governmental organisms.

**Publications.**

CENICOM issues a periodical bulletin giving information about its activities and a bibliographic synthesis on the material available in the Library.

**Headquarters.**

During the celebration of the First Inter-American Convention of Municipalities, it was agreed that CENICOM headquarters would be the City of Miami, Florida. The address is: 14 N.E. 1st., Avenue, Suite 1403 Miami, Fla. 33132, U.S.A. Phone: (305) 358-9888.

# CENICOM

Origin, Fundamentals and  
Goals of an  
Inter-American System  
for Cooperation.



Inter-American Center for  
Municipal Cooperation  
(CENICOM)  
Miami, Florida

# CENICOM

## Its origin, its institutional structure and its purposes

The Inter-American Center for the Municipal Cooperation (CENICOM) was created by unanimous resolution of the delegations attending the First Inter-American Convention of Municipalities held in Miami, Florida from February 23 through the 26 of 1983, as a permanent organism of an inter-american system for the municipal collaboration brought into being by the conviction that the socio-economic development of the area requires the contribution of this basic element to the composition of every human conglomerate.

### Objectives

Its main objectives are the institutional strengthening of the Municipalities of the American Continent, through such a cooperation, that will allow them to accomplish, adequately, their obligations to the communities they represent.

Among other activities, and according to these ideas, CENICOM exalts the capability of the municipal officials in specific areas of high priority such as the handling of the mayoral matters, the exchange of information and technology and the execution of cooperation agreements with international and governmental organisms as well as Institutions and Foundations interested in lending their support to the well being of the countries of America. It organizes and promotes the annual meetings of the Inter-American Convention of Municipalities, at which time all the attending members express their anxieties and problems with the purpose of finding viable solutions through these friendly dialogs and the actions they convey.

### Structure.

The main instrument of CENICOM is its Board of Directors, headed as President by the Vice-Mayor of Miami, Demetrio Perez, Jr. This Board of Directors fulfills its mission with the collaboration of four Technical Committees in the following areas:

- Commercial Relations
- Trade Shows
- Seminaries and Technical Meetings
- Information Exchange.

Also depending on the Board of Directors are the Regional Centers of Coordination, which main objective is to relate CENICOM to the respective Municipalities already established, and to coordinate common actions with those of the regional section to which they belong. For these purposes, CENICOM has adopted the following regional demarcation:

#### Antilles

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Puerto Rico
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago

#### Central America

- Belize
- Costa Rica
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras

#### North America

- Canada
- Mexico
- United States of America

#### South America (North)

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Panama
- Peru
- Suriname
- Venezuela

#### South America (South)

- Argentina
- Chile
- Paraguay
- Uruguay

CENICOM promotes the collaboration from Municipalities and institutions from other Continents and from regional and international organisms, through cooperation agreements in specific areas.

In Europe it promotes agreements with Spain and other countries from which the municipal institution was brought to America.